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MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATE FOR WMALT 2006-AR4
TRUST

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - FRESNO DIVISION

In re

DENNIS LYNN HICKS AND SANDRA
KAY HICKS,

Debtor(s).

Case No. 10-13399-A

Chapter 7

D.C. No. PD-1

MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM
AUTOMATIC STAY AND
MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND
AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT THEREOF
(11 U.S.C. § 362 and Bankruptcy Rule 4001)

U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
AS TRUSTEE FOR WAMU MORTGAGE
PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATE FOR
WMALT 2006-AR4 TRUST,

Movant,

vs.

DENNIS LYNN HICKS AND SANDRA
KAY HICKS, Debtor(s); JAMES EDWARD
SALVEN, Chapter 7 Trustee,

Respondents.

LBR 4001-1 and 9014-1(f)(1)

DATE: June 22, 2010
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
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2500 Tulare Street,
Fresno, CA 93721-1318

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1 U.S. Bank, National Association as trustee for WAMU Mortgage Pass Through Certificate
2 for WMALT 2006-AR4 Trust¹ ("Movant"), moves this court for an order terminating the automatic
3 stay of 11 U.S.C. § 362 as to Movant, so that Movant may commence and continue all acts necessary
4 to enforce its security interest in real property generally described as 1236 Brookdale Drive, Merced,
5 California 95340.

6 On or about March 31, 2010, Dennis Lynn Hicks and Sandra Kay Hicks ("Debtors") filed a
7 voluntary petition under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, and James Edward Salven was
8 appointed as Chapter 7 Trustee. As a result of said filing, certain acts and proceedings against
9 Debtors and the bankruptcy estate are stayed as provided in 11 U.S.C. § 362.

10 Movant moves this court for relief from stay under 11 U.S.C. §§ 362(d)(1) and 362(d)(2).

11 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

12 **I.**

13 **MOVANT IS ENTITLED TO RELIEF FROM THE**
14 **AUTOMATIC STAY UNDER 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(2).**

15 **NO EQUITY**

16 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(2) provides that relief from the automatic stay shall be granted if the
17 debtor does not have any equity in the property and the property is not necessary to the debtor's
18 effective reorganization.

19 In In re San Clemente Estates, 5 B.R. 605 (Bankr. S.D. Cal. 1980), the court stated that:
20 § 362(d)(2) reflects congressional intent to allow creditors to
21 immediately proceed against the property where the debtor has no
22 equity and it is unnecessary to the reorganization, even where the
debtor can provide adequate protection under § 362(d)(1). (Emphasis
added).

23 Id. at 610 (emphasis added).

24 In In re Mikole Developers, Inc., 14 B.R. 524, 525 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 1981), the court stated
25 that in determining whether equity exists in the property for purposes of § 362(d)(2), all
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27 ¹ This Motion for Relief from Automatic Stay shall not constitute a waiver of the within party's right to
28 receive service pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4, made applicable to this proceeding by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7004,
notwithstanding Pite Duncan, LLP's participation in this proceeding. Moreover, the within party does not authorize
Pite Duncan, LLP, either expressly or impliedly through Pite Duncan, LLP's participation in this proceeding, to act
as its agent for purposes of service under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7004.

1 encumbrances are totaled, whether or not all the lienholders have joined in the request for relief from
2 stay. The Ninth Circuit has concurred with this view in Stewart v. Gurley, 745 F.2d 1194 (9th Cir.
3 1984).

4 An appropriate cost of sale factor should also be added to determine if the debtor has any
5 equity in the property. La Jolla Mortgage Fund v. Rancho El Cajon Associates, 18 B.R. 283, 289
6 (Bankr. S.D. Cal. 1982).

7 On or about March 6, 2006, Debtors, for valuable consideration, made, executed and
8 delivered to Home Loan Corporation ("Lender") a Note in the principal sum of \$328,000.00 (the
9 "Note"). Pursuant to the Note, Debtors are obligated to make monthly principal and interest
10 payments commencing May 1, 2006, and continuing until April 1, 2036, when all outstanding
11 amounts are due and payable. The Note provides that, in the event of default, the holder of the Note
12 has the option of declaring all unpaid sums immediately due and payable. A true and correct copy of
13 the Note is attached to the concurrently served and filed Exhibits to the Declaration in Support of
14 Motion for Relief From Automatic Stay ("Exhibits") as exhibit A and incorporated herein by
15 reference.

16 On or about March 6, 2006, the Debtors made, executed and delivered to Lender a Deed of
17 Trust (the "Deed of Trust") granting Lender a security interest in real property commonly described
18 as 1236 Brookdale Drive, Merced, California 95340 (the "Real Property"), which is more fully
19 described in the Deed of Trust. The Deed of Trust provides that attorneys' fees and costs incurred as
20 a result of the Debtors' bankruptcy case may be included in the outstanding balance under the Note.
21 The Deed of Trust was recorded on March 13, 2006, in the Official Records of Merced County, State
22 of California. A true and correct copy of the Deed of Trust is attached to the Exhibits as exhibit B
23 and incorporated herein by reference.

24 Subsequently, Lender's beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust was sold, assigned and
25 transferred to Movant. A true and correct copy of the Corporation Assignment of Deed of Trust
26 evidencing the Assignment of the Deed of Trust to Movant is attached to the Exhibits as exhibit C
27 and incorporated herein by reference.

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1 The obligation under the Note is in default as of December 1, 2009, for failure to make
2 payments to Movant. As of April 7, 2010, the total obligation due and owing under the Note is in the
3 approximate amount of \$372,533.58, representing the principal balance of \$356,695.75, interest in
4 the sum of \$6,330.04, escrow advances in the amount of \$9,184.89, late charge in the amount of
5 \$301.20, and other fees of \$21.70. This is an approximate amount for purposes of this Motion only,
6 and should not be relied upon as such to pay off the subject loan as interest and additional advances
7 may come due subsequent to the filing of the Motion. An exact payoff amount can be obtained by
8 contacting Movant's counsel. Further, Movant has incurred additional post-petition attorneys' fees
9 and costs in bringing the instant Motion. Moreover, the total arrears under the Note are in the
10 approximate sum of \$12,714.45, excluding the post-petition attorneys' fees and costs incurred in
11 filing the instant Motion.

12 As a result of the default under the Note, a Notice of Default was recorded on April 2, 2010.

13 **II.**

14 **RELIEF FROM STAY**

15 **LACK OF EQUITY**

16 Movant is informed and believes that, based on the Debtors' bankruptcy Schedules and
17 Statements, the fair market value of the Property is approximately \$105,633.00. True and correct
18 copies of the Debtors' bankruptcy Schedules "A" and "D" are collectively attached to the Exhibits as
19 exhibit D and incorporated herein by reference.

20 Based on the above, Movant maintains that the equity in the Property is as follows:

Fair Market Value:	\$105,633.00
Less:	
Movant's Trust Deed	\$372,533.58
HFCs 2nd Deed of Trust	\$37,086.00
Costs of Sale (8%)	<u>\$8,450.64</u>
Equity in the Property:	\$<312,437.22>

25 As a result, there is no equity in the Property for the bankruptcy estate. Moreover, since this
26 is a Chapter 7 proceeding, there is no reorganization in prospect. As a result, Movant is entitled to
27 relief from the automatic stay pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(2).

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1 Pursuant to Debtors' Statement of Intent, the Debtors' real property will be surrendered. A
2 true and correct copy of Debtors' Statement of Intent is attached to the Exhibits as exhibit E and
3 incorporated herein by reference.

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5 **III.**
6 **MOVANT IS ENTITLED TO RELIEF FROM THE**
7 **AUTOMATIC STAY UNDER 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1).**

8 **CAUSE - LACK OF ADEQUATE PROTECTION**

9 Pursuant to the provisions of 11 U.S.C. §§ 361 and 362(d)(1), Movant is entitled to adequate
10 protection of its interest in the Property.

11 Movant submits that adequate protection in this case requires normal and periodic cash
12 payments, as called for by the Note, plus the repayment of any and all delinquent amounts owed to
13 Movant, including all attorneys' fees and costs incurred in the filing of this motion.

14 Movant is informed and believes that Debtors are presently unwilling or unable to provide
15 adequate protection to the Movant and there is no probability that adequate protection can be
16 afforded to Movant within a reasonable time.

17 By reason of the foregoing, Movant is entitled to relief from stay under 11 U.S.C.
18 § 362(d)(1), based upon the failure of Debtors to provide adequate protection to Movant.

19 WHEREFORE, Movant respectfully prays for an Order of this court as follows:

20 1. Terminating the automatic stay of 11 U.S.C. § 362, as it applies to the enforcement by
21 Movant of all of its rights in the Real Property under the Note and the Deed of Trust;

22 2. That the 14-day stay described by Bankruptcy Rule 4001(a)(3) be waived;

23 3. Granting Movant leave to foreclose on the Real Property and to enforce the security
24 interest under the Note and the Deed of Trust, including any action necessary to obtain possession of
25 the Property;

26 4. Permitting Movant to offer and provide Debtors with information re: a potential
27 Forbearance Agreement, Loan Modification, Refinance Agreement, or other Loan Workout/Loss
28 Mitigation Agreement, and to enter into such agreement with Debtors;

5. Alternatively, in the event this court declines to grant Movant the relief requested

1 above, Movant requests that an Order for adequate protection be issued, requiring the Debtors to
2 reinstate and maintain in a current condition all obligations due under the Note and Deed of Trust
3 and all other deeds of trust encumbering the Real Property, including Debtors' obligations to pay
4 when due (a) the monthly installments of principal and interest, as required under the Note;
5 (b) tax/insurance obligations; and (c) any sums advanced by Movant on behalf of Debtors in order to
6 protect Movant's interest in the Real Property, including all attorneys' fees and costs incurred in the
7 filing of this motion;

8 6. That the attorneys' fees and costs incurred by Movant for filing the instant Motion be
9 included in the outstanding balance of the Note as allowed under applicable non-bankruptcy law;
10 and

11 7. For such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper.

12 Dated: May 21, 2010

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